This rate is the result of a 2.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment (see §416.405) to the December 1995 rate. For the period January 1, through December 31, 1995, the rate payable, as increased by the 2.8 percent cost-of-living adjustment, was \$5,496 per year (\$458 per month). For the period January 1, through December 31, 1994, the rate payable, as increased by the 2.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment, was \$5,352 per year (\$446 per month). The monthly rate is reduced by the amount of the individual's income which is not excluded pursuant to subpart K of this part.

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§ 416.412 Amount of benefits; eligible couple.

The benefit under this part for an eligible couple (including couples where one or both members of the couple are receiving benefits payable under the §416.212 provisions), neither of whom is subject to suspension of benefits based on §416.1325 or reduction of benefits based on §416.414 nor is a qualified individual (as defined in §416.221) shall be payable at the rate of \$8,460 per year (\$705 per month), effective for the period beginning January 1, 1996. This rate is the result of a 2.6 percent costof-living adjustment (see §416.405) to the December 1995 rate. For the period January 1, through December 31, 1995, the rate payable, as increased by the 2.8 percent cost-of-living adjustment, was \$8,224 per year (\$687 per month). For the period January 1, through December 31, 1994, the rate payable, as increased by the 2.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment, was \$8,028 per year (\$669 per month). The monthly rate is reduced by the amount of the couple's income which is not excluded pursuant to subpart K of this part.

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§ 416.413 Amount of benefits; qualified individual.

The benefit under this part for a qualified individual (defined in §416.221) is payable at the rate for an eligible individual or eligible couple plus an increment for each essential person (defined in §416.222) in the household, reduced by the amount of countable in-

come of the eligible individual or eligible couple as explained in §416.420. A qualified individual will receive an increment of \$2,820 per year (\$235 per month), effective for the period beginning January 1, 1996. This rate is the result of the 2.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment (see §416.405) to the December 1995 rate, and is for each essential person (as defined in §416.222) living in the household of a qualified individual. (See §416.532.) For the period January 1, through December 31, 1995, the rate payable, as increased by the 2.8 percent cost-of-living adjustment, was \$2,748 per year (\$229 per month). For the period January 1, through December 31, 1994, the rate payable, as increased by the 2.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment, was \$2,676 per year (\$223 per month). The total benefit rate, including the increment, is reduced by the amount of the individual's or couple's income that is not excluded pursuant to subpart K of this part.

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§ 416.414 Amount of benefits; eligible individual or eligible couple in a medical care facility.

(a) General rule. Except where the §416.212 provisions provide for payment of benefits at the rates specified under §§ 416.410 and 416.412, reduced SSI benefits are payable to persons and couples who are in medical care facilities where a substantial part (more than 50 percent) of the cost of their care is paid by a State plan under title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid). This reduced SSI benefit rate applies to persons who are in medical care facilities where a substantial part (more than 50 percent) of the cost would have been paid by an approved Medicaid State plan but for the application of section 1917(c) of the Social Security Act due to a transfer of assets for less than fair market value. This reduced SSI benefit rate also applies to children under age 18 who are in medical care facilities where a substantial part (more than 50 percent) of the cost of their care is paid by a health insurance policy issued by a private provider of such insurance, or where a substantial part (more than 50 percent) of the cost of their care is paid for by a combination of Medicaid payments and payments made under a